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SUBJECT: BHUTTO WELCOMES NEPAL ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL

1. IN INTERVIEW GRANTED TO EDITOR OF NEW HEARLD MARCH 21, LOCAL KATHMANDU PAPER PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO IS QUOTED AS "WELCOMING" KING'S PROPOSAL TO DELCARE NEPAL ZONE OF PEACE. BHUTTO WENT ON TO SAY THAT PAKISTAN HAS "INITIATED CERTAIN PROPOSALS ALONG THE SAME LINE...SO WE WELCOME ANY OTHER PROPOSAL BY A FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND A FRIENDLY SOVEREIGN LIKE KING BIRENDRA."

2. COMMENT: KATHMANDU PAPERS HAVE GIVEN BIG PLAY TO BHUTTO INTERVIEW. WE ASSUME FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW CARRIED BY FBIS AND AVAILABLE DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH BHUTTO'S DECLARED SUPPORT FOR ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT MEANS LITTLE IN CONCRETE TERMS, (MFA HERE IS STILL AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO WITH THE IDEA) IT WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO NEPALESE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE ON EVE OF JOINT REVIEW COMMITTEE TALKS WHICH OPEN IN DELHI MARCH 24 AND PROMISE TO BE KEY INDICATOR OF DELHI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH NEPAL. BHUTTO IS MOST IMPORTANT LEADER TO GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING KING'S PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH BOTH USSR AND BANGLADESH HAVE

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INDICATED THEIR APPROVAL. SOVIETS, HOWEVER, NOW APPEAR TO

BE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY THEIR QUICK STATEMENT OF
SUPPORT MADE ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER KING'S PROPOSAL. WE NOTE
SOVEMBOFFS HERE ARE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS QUESTION, SIMPLY
NOTING THAT USSR CONTINUES TO SUPPORT NEPAL'S NEUTRALITY.
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